

# *West Park/Riverbend Corridor*

## *Interim Project*

*Presented by:*

*Feather River Recreation and Park District and  
Lake Oroville Joint Powers Authority  
(FRRPD, City of Oroville, City of Gridley, City  
of Paradise, and Butte County)*

*Other Local Project Partner: The Oroville  
Chamber of Commerce*

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# *Special Opportunities on the River*

- River-based recreation (canoeing, rafting, kayaking, fishing)
- Bicycling, walking trails (linear)
- Wildlife/Native vegetation (opportunity & constraint)
- Adjacent – picnic, wading, scenic values
- Community river frontage – connection of historic sites

# *The Site*

- Riverbend Park is located along scenic stretch of Feather River near the heart of Oroville.
- The park is strategically located at the Montgomery street interchange leading to downtown Oroville.
- The gradual slope down to the river, rather than a steep levee provides excellent access to River.
- The site is publicly owned, with some initial park improvements, and it has a history of public use and boat launching into river.

# *History*

- Site Considered for park development – 1973 & 1976 legislation
- City transferred ownership to Park District (FRRPD)
- FRRPD Master Development Plan for Riverbend Park (1993)

# *Community Needs*

- Restores historic community use of river
- Need is demonstrated through visitation jump following minimal improvements
- City of Oroville Goal (Public Facilities Element):
  - 3.8 acres/1,000 population
  - 2.7 acres/1,000 population – current ratio

# *Riverbend Park Broad Objectives*

- River oriented, regional type park serving both community and visitors.
- Connection from existing Bike Path to wildlife area.
- Area left for potential visitor center or possibly concession.
- Appropriate to site – takes advantage of sloping land, reflects urban character, utilizes land that is already disturbed, was adapted to projected flood levels.

# *FRRPD 1993 Master Development Plan for Riverbend Park: Proposed Facilities*

- A natural area/riparian enhancement project
- Open space/landscaped areas
- Picnic areas
- A bicycle staging area
- Walking, jogging, and bicycle paths and roads
- A museum/nature/recreation center
- A special use area consisting of commercial concessions to enhance visitor experience and provide revenue to support the leisure and recreation opportunities provided at the park

# *The Interim Project Proposal*

## *Nine Components*

- Revegetation/Irrigation/Landscaping
- Day Use Facilities (picnic/group)
- Bicycle improvements between Highway 70/162 bridges
- Parking Facilities
- Public Restrooms
- Temporary visitors facility for Chamber of Commerce
- Utilities (water, electricity, sewer connection)
- Re-contouring/Restoration/Revegetation – adjacent land
- Operation support – start-up and ongoing



# *How Project Will Meet Environmental Requirements*

- Project avoids sensitive areas/resources
- No known opposition
- Two environmental studies have covered area in past and these documents will be used as a resource
- New reviews and appropriate environmental documents to be prepared

# *Widespread Community Support*

- Service Clubs: Kiwanis (Fishing Derbys, oak grove, bench) Sunrise (disc golf) Noon-time Rotary Clubs (cardio par courses), Butte Sailing Club
- Chamber of Commerce
- Ranked top priority out of 37 proposed interim projects by Interim Project Task Force

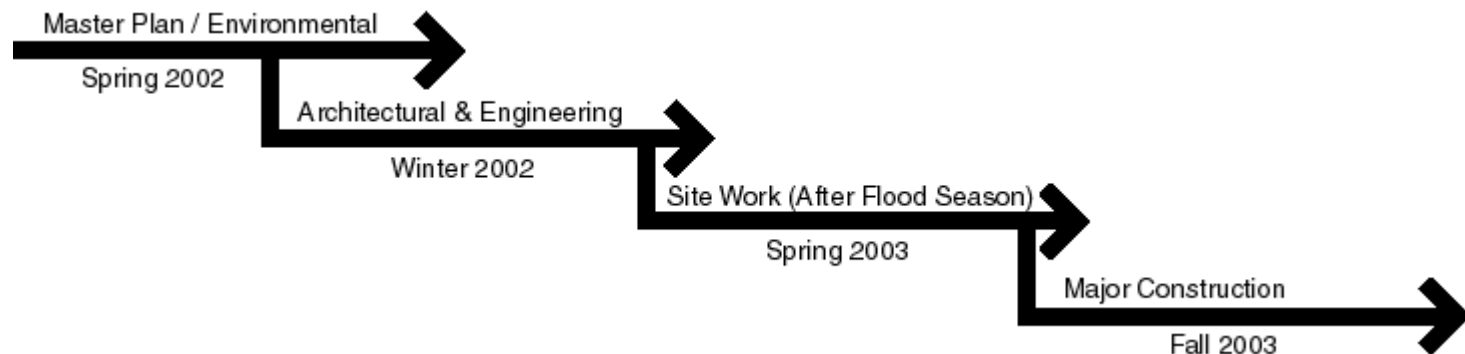
# *Regulatory Compliance*

The interim enhancement project is consistent with the following:

- The Recreation Element of the Butte County General Plan
- The Open Space Element, Public Facilities Element, Land Use Element, and Circulation Element of the City of Oroville General Plan
- FRRPD Master Development Plan for Riverbend Park

# *Proposed Project Phases*

- Wildlife Conservation Board Improvements
- Temporary Modular Visitor's Center, bike trails, utilities, parking
- Irrigation, revegetation, day use, restrooms
- Re-contouring/revegetation, boat launching ramp



# *Cost Estimate Summary*

• Day Use Items: (Picnic areas, paths, landscape, restrooms, bike trail extension etc.)	\$1,292,822
• Infrastructure: on/off site (utilities, two roads, four parking lots)	\$783,000
• Temporary Visitor's Center	\$100,000
• Architecture and Engineering (8%)	\$174,066
• Environmental Documentation	\$ 80,000
• Administration Overhead (5%)	\$108,791
• Contingency Overhead (10%)	<u>\$217,582</u>
Subtotal:	\$2,756,261
• DFG/WCB Grant items	\$250,000
• DBW Boat Ramp items	<u>\$611,984</u>
Total:	\$3,618,245
O.M. 1-4 years:	\$242,000
O.M +5 years:	\$ 96,000

# *Operations and Management Cost Calculations:*

First Four Years: 28 acres developed @ \$8,000/acre per year = \$224,000/year  
18 acres re-vegetated @ \$1,000/acre per year = \$18,000/year  
Total O.M. budget required per year: \$242,000/year

Year Five Forward: 28 developed acres @ \$4,000/acre per year = \$112,000/year  
Estimated district contribution and revenue = \$ -16,000/year  
Total O.M. budget required per year: \$ 96,000/year

# *Funding Balance Summary*

Total Cost:\$3,618,245		Less Pending/Proposed Project Partnerships:	
Less Confirmed Project Partnerships:		Prop 12 Butte County	
City of Oroville RDA	\$100,000	per capita	\$100,000
Prop 12 FRRPD per capita	\$100,000	USDA Community Facilities	
Chamber of Commerce	\$100,000	Grant Program	\$100,000
Wildlife Conservation Board	<u>\$250,270</u>	CA Dept of Boating	
Subtotal	\$550,270	& Waterways	\$611,984
		Packard Foundation <u>\$100,000</u>	
Balance remaining	\$3,067,975	Subtotal:	\$911,984
		Balance Remaining:	\$2,155,991

# *Potential Implementation Mechanism*

- DWR contract with Park District
- District utilizes private consultants for  
A & E project administration



# *Relationship to FERC re-Licensing*

- Site is outside of FERC boundary, but affected by FERC operations
- Recognized by community as part of settlement of overall FERC re-licensing issue

# *Why is This a Great Interim Project?*

- No known fatal flaws. Project is believed to be consistent with environmental and other regulations and has no known opposition.
- Project has positive social impacts and promotes recreation, tourism, and economic development of the community.
- Project will help to meet community and regional needs for recreation.
- Project has potential for multiple sources of funding.
- Project would be easy to accomplish, and a large part of the work has already been done.
- Project will help to promote community goodwill.